AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A packet transmission system in which each terminal unit transmits data to a resource monitoring device of a network for sending the data to another terminal unit via the network, wherein:

the resource monitoring device includes:

a resource map database for storing a resource map ~~in which~~ <u>containing data that identifies</u> central points of resources <u>and the terminal units to which the central points of resources are allocated</u> ~~that can be used by the terminal units are described~~; and

a resource management means for obtaining the resource map from the resource map database and transmitting the resource map to the terminal units, and

each terminal unit includes:

a resource detection means for detecting resource usage statuses of terminal units that are using resources adjacent to a resource used by the terminal unit to which the resource detection means belongs by use of the resource map supplied from the resource monitoring device; and

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a resource acquisition means for finding idle resources between the resource used by the terminal unit and the adjacent resources based on the resource usage statuses detected by the resource detection means and acquiring all or part of the idle resources so as to be incorporated in the usable resource of the terminal unit.

2. (original) A packet transmission system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the resource monitoring device further includes a resource monitoring means for monitoring resource usage statuses of the terminal units by monitoring packet traffic from the terminal units, and

the resource management means includes a resource map update means for receiving the resource usage statuses of the terminal units from the resource monitoring means, finding a terminal unit whose resource is insufficient by use of the resource usage statuses, and updating the resource map by setting a reservation resource reference point in an appropriate idle zone of the resource map so as to be used as the central point of a usable resource which is newly assigned to the terminal unit whose resource is insufficient, and

the resource acquisition means of terminal units that are using resources adjacent to the reservation resource reference point in the updated resource map reduce their

resources so that an idle resource zone will be prepared around the reservation resource reference point, and

the resource acquisition means of the terminal unit whose resource is insufficient sets a new resource for the terminal unit in the idle resource zone.

3. (original) A packet transmission system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the data transmission from the terminal units to the resource monitoring device is executed by means of CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access).

4. (original) A packet transmission system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resource acquisition means acquires approximately 50% of the idle resources so as to be incorporated in the usable resource of the terminal unit.

5. (currently amended) A packet transmission method for a packet transmission system in which each terminal unit transmits data to a resource monitoring device of a network for sending the data to another terminal unit via the network, comprising the steps of:

a resource map reception step in which each terminal unit receives a resource map containing data that identifies in which central points of resources and the terminal units to which

the central points of resources are allocated ~~that can be used by~~ ~~the terminal units are described~~;

an adjacent resource usage status detection step in which the terminal unit detects resource usage statuses of terminal units that are using resources adjacent to a resource used by the terminal unit by use of the resource map supplied from the resource monitoring device; and

a resource acquisition step in which the terminal unit finds idle resources between the resource used by the terminal unit and the adjacent resources based on the resource usage statuses detected in the adjacent resource usage status detection step and acquires all or part of the idle resources so as to be incorporated in the usable resource of the terminal unit.

6. (original) A packet transmission method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:

a resource usage status monitoring step in which the resource monitoring device monitors resource usage statuses of the terminal units by monitoring packet traffic from the terminal units;

a resource map update step in which the resource monitoring device finds a terminal unit whose resource is insufficient by use of the resource usage statuses and updates the resource map by setting a reservation resource reference point in an appropriate idle zone of the resource map so as to be

used as the central point of a usable resource which is newly assigned to the terminal unit whose resource is insufficient;

a resource reduction step in which terminal units that are using resources adjacent to the reservation resource reference point in the updated resource map reduce their resources so that an idle resource zone will be prepared around the reservation resource reference point; and

a resource setting step in which the terminal unit whose resource is insufficient sets its new resource in the idle resource zone prepared in the resource reduction step.

7. (original) A packet transmission method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the data transmission from the terminal units to the resource monitoring device is executed by means of CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access).

8. (original) A packet transmission method as claimed in claim 5, wherein in the resource acquisition step, the terminal unit acquires approximately 50% of the idle resources so as to be incorporated in the usable resource of the terminal unit.

9. (currently amended) A machine-readable record medium storing one or more programs for instructing one or more computers to execute a packet transmission method for a packet

transmission system in which each terminal unit transmits data to a resource monitoring device of a network for sending the data to another terminal unit via the network, wherein the packet transmission method comprises the steps of:

a resource map reception step in which each terminal unit receives a resource map containing data that identifies ~~in which~~ central points of resources and the terminal units to which the central points of resources are allocated ~~that can be used by the terminal units are described~~;

an adjacent resource usage status detection step in which the terminal unit detects resource usage statuses of terminal units that are using resources adjacent to a resource used by the terminal unit by use of the resource map supplied from the resource monitoring device; and

a resource acquisition step in which the terminal unit finds idle resources between the resource used by the terminal unit and the adjacent resources based on the resource usage statuses detected in the adjacent resource usage status detection step and acquires all or part of the idle resources so as to be incorporated in the usable resource of the terminal unit.

10. (original) A machine-readable record medium as claimed in claim 9, wherein the packet transmission method implemented by the computers and the programs further comprises:

a resource usage status monitoring step in which the resource monitoring device monitors resource usage statuses of the terminal units by monitoring packet traffic from the terminal units;

a resource map update step in which the resource monitoring device finds a terminal unit whose resource is insufficient by use of the resource usage statuses and updates the resource map by setting a reservation resource reference point in an appropriate idle zone of the resource map so as to be used as the central point of a usable resource which is newly assigned to the terminal unit whose resource is insufficient;

a resource reduction step in which terminal units that are using resources adjacent to the reservation resource reference point in the updated resource map reduce their resources so that an idle resource zone will be prepared around the reservation resource reference point; and

a resource setting step in which the terminal unit whose resource is insufficient sets its new resource in the idle resource zone prepared in the resource reduction step.

11. (original) A machine-readable record medium as claimed in claim 9, wherein the data transmission from the terminal units to the resource monitoring device is executed by means of CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access).

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12. (original) A machine-readable record medium as claimed in claim 9, wherein in the resource acquisition step, the terminal unit acquires approximately 50% of the idle resources so as to be incorporated in the usable resource of the terminal unit.

13. (new) The system of claim 1, wherein each of a plurality of the terminal units is connected to a same said resource monitoring device, the resource map in the resource monitoring device comprising information that describes resource usage by each of the plurality of terminal units that is connected to the resource monitoring device.

14. (new) The method of claim 5, wherein in the resource map reception step, each of a plurality of the terminal units receives the resource map from a same said resource monitoring device.

15. (new) The machine-readable record medium of claim 9, wherein in the resource map reception step, each of a plurality of the terminal units receives the resource map from a same said resource monitoring device.

16. (new) A resource monitoring device, comprising:

a memory device that stores a resource map containing data that identifies resources and terminal units to which the resources are allocated; and

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a resource management section, coupled to the memory, which updates the resource map and transmits the updated resource map to the terminal units.

17. (new) The resource monitoring device of claim 16, wherein each said resource is identified by a central point of said resource.

18. (new) The resource monitoring device of claim 17, wherein the resource map is of a type that can be used by a first of the terminal units to detect resource usage by other said terminal units that are using said resources that are adjacent to the resource being used by the first terminal unit.

19. (new) A first terminal unit comprising:

a resource detector that detects usage of a resource by a second terminal unit; and

a resource acquisition section that finds idle resources based on the detection of the usage of the resource by the second terminal unit and acquires at least part of the idle resources.

20. (new) The terminal unit of claim 19, wherein a resource used by the first terminal unit and the resource used by the second terminal unit are adjacent to one another, and the idol resources are between the resource used by the first terminal unit and the resources used by the second terminal unit.

21. (new) The terminal unit of claim 19, wherein the resource detector detects the resource usage by calculating

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correlations between a code pattern and data transmitted from the second terminal unit.

22. (new) A first terminal unit comprising,

a resource acquisition section that receives a resource map containing data that identifies resources and terminal units to which the resources are allocated and that finds a second terminal unit that uses a resource other than a resource that is used by the first terminal unit based on the resource map.

23. (new) The terminal unit of claim 21, wherein the resource used by the second terminal unit and the resource used by the first terminal unit are adjacent to one another.

24. (new) The terminal unit of claim 21, wherein each said resource is identified by a central point of said resource.